

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. What this amendment does, Senator Carsten has placed an amendment on Select File the other day which increases the personal services for the Department of Revenue for the coming year but it also increases what their continuation budget for personal services could be next year. What the amendment does it allows the personal services to be increased this year just as Senator Carsten's amendment provided but it would return the continuation budget for next year at the level that the committee suggested. I think as I indicated when Senator Carsten's was discussing his motion that there was perhaps some justification in an agency that had been reduced to give them some flexibility to work with that reduction, but I do think that it is important that what they come back in next year will be at that lower level so that if they do not accomplish reorganization, or reallocation of resources the legislature will be in the position to more fully explore the reasons that they could not do it. In this amendment you encourage the agency to reduce, or to look over their operation, your administrative cost, I think that in this case where the Department of Revenue is involved is particularly important in that it is one of the agencies that is covered by the LB 257, the sunset law, and while that is three years away, obviously an agency of that size is going to have to start looking at it before that third year and by returning the level of personal services, their continuation budget for next year, the level the committee proposed, it will enable us to better look at the operation of the agency. I understand that Senator Carsten does not object and also have had an indication from Mr. Peters that he would not object to this amendment being put back in this form. I move its adoption. I move the bill be returned for this specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have no objection to the amendment. I think that was the understanding when I presented the amendment that it was for only this year and that the appropriations committee could look at the operations of the department next year and see what they have done. I have no objections. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall this bill be returned. Record your vote. Yes. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return.

PRESIDENT: The bill is returned, Senator Warner would you....

CLERK: Now Mr. President, we have the Warner amendment to LB 532.

PRESIDENT: Offer your amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays.